Diversification of Projects by Jute Mills

*410. SHRI DIPEN GHOSH :
SHRI MOHAMMED AMIN :

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) what is the number of jute mills which are engaged in diversification of their products after modernisation without resorting to any retrenchment; and

(b) how many of these mills have received modernisation loans from Government ?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA) : (a) and (b) Out of the 29 applications received under the jute modernisation fund scheme two cases include a diversification proposed in the form of manufacture of jute carpets. The proposals do not envisage any retrenchment of permanent workers. One case has already been sanctioned and disbursement is yet to be made. The other case is under process.

Facility of Admission to Colleges for Repatriates from Uganda

*411. SHRI JOHN F. FERNANDES : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that seats in the professional colleges reserved for the Ugandan repatriates are being denied to them;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government would review their decision and permit this facility to Ugandan repatriates for some more years ?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI BUTA SINGH) : (a) and (b) The facility of reservation of seats in the professional colleges is available only to those repatriates who have migrated during the last five years. As the repatriates from Uganda had migrated to India during 1972-73, they are not eligible.

(c) The Government does not consider it necessary to review the existing policy, as the repatriates from Uganda have since merged with the main-stream of national life.

Setting up of Currency Note Printing Press

*412. SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY :
SHRI RAMNARAYAN GOSWAMI :

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether M|s. Metallurgical and Engineering Consultants (India) Limited (MECON) have since submitted their detailed project report for the setting up of currency note printing presses in West Bengal and Karnataka;

(b) if so, what are the details of the report; and

(c) what is Goverment's reaction to the said report ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Project Report envisages setting up of one Press each at Salboni in West Bengal and Mysore in Karnataka with a capacity of 5000 million pieces of currency bank notes per annum. The estimated cost of the two Presses together is Rs. 1147.40 crores with a foreign exchange component of Rs. 490.50 crores. It will take 48 months to commission the Press after investment decision is taken.